

ROD IN PICKLE FOR MURPHY OF THE CUBS

Must Pay Damages to Evers and
May Be Disciplined by the
National League.

OLD RESOLUTION APPLIES

Magnates Prepared for Such Ac-
tion When They Expelled
Fogel From Councils.

When Charles Webb Murphy of the
Cubs is officially notified of the action
of the National League's board of di-
rectors in the Evers case it is expected
that he will jump out of his skin. While
John K. Tener would not say what
had been cooked up by the directors for
Murphy yesterday, it was said on good
authority that Murphy would be called
upon to pay a large sum of money to
Evers in the shape of damages to the
latter's reputation and feelings.

President Gaffney of the Boston Na-
tionalists said that the report that Evers
would receive a bonus of \$20,000 for signing
a contract was groundless. He ad-
mitted that Evers would draw a yearly
salary of \$10,000 from the Boston club,
which had assumed his Chicago contract,
in which Evers received \$6,000 for playing
ball and \$4,000 for managing the Cubs.
Gaffney stated that Evers would receive
an additional sum for his services, but
he declined to say that the Boston club
would pay it.

"Sweeney and Purdie will not be sold
by the Boston club," said Gaffney. "Swee-
ney is a great ball player and we would
be foolish to let him go. Of course, if we
could trade Purdie for players that would
strengthen us we would consider a propo-
sition. But just now Purdie looks like a
sucker."

It was Gov. Tener's diplomacy and
firmness that induced Evers to sign with
us. He handled the controversy with rare
skill and we owe much to him. I think
that Evers should be praised to the hilt
for the noble way in which he acted. He
gave me his word on Thursday that he
would not accept terms with the Federals
until he had had a chat with me on Friday
and he made good in spite of great tempta-
tions."

It was learned yesterday that Evers
had a talk with Joe Tinker, Weeghman
and Gilmore at 1 o'clock Friday morning.
The Federals, so the story goes, offered
him \$10,000 a year and Weeghman wrote a
check for \$10,000, which they told Evers
he could put in his pocket if he would
sign a five years contract at \$15,000 a
year. Evers told them that he had had
his word to me and that he could not
talk business, whereupon Gilmore com-
mitted him for his honesty.

Several interesting facts relative to
Evers' experience before the league on
Tuesday leaked out yesterday. It ap-
pears that Murphy first announced that
as Evers had resigned he wanted to have
Hank Gray released from the Cubs. The
league accepted the management of the
Cubs. When Evers was sent for it was
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According to the gossip, Murphy was
informed that the time had passed when
one club owner could jump on another
club. Murphy's outburst in Chicago on Friday
may get him into more trouble with his
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Miss Rita Brown

NERICH TO DEFEND HIS TITLE.

Meets Goodwin, Wheatley and
Others at 500 Yards in Garden.

The annual Sportsmen's Show in Mad-
ison Square Garden will be opened next
Saturday afternoon and will remain at
the Garden until the following Friday
evening. The show includes a programme
of sporting events of wide interest. Three
indoor trap shooting championships are to
be decided, and the crack swimmers and
fancy divers of the East will compete
under the auspices of the A. A. U. in a
huge swimming tank excavated at one
end of the big enclosure.

The programme of water sports has
been compiled under the direction of Otto

Johnson, who will be in charge of the
swimming and diving events.

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Mrs. F. F. Rodgers

One of the best shots among
the women of the East, who hails from
Stamford, Conn.

Wable, chairman of the Metropolitan
Association swimming committee. The
main event for local watermen will be the
50 yard Metropolitan championship. This
race will be the star feature of the opening
night of the show. Nicholas Nerich, the
present holder of the Metropolitan indoor
titles from 100 to 500 yards, will defend
his title against a field that will include
Bud Goodwin, E. C. Wheatley, Walter
Ramme of Germany and Herbert E. Vol-
mer, the high school record holder.

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NEWARK TEAM WILL GO TO EBBETS FIELD

Federals' Invasion of Brooklyn
Causes Quick Shift to
Quell Opposition.

JOHNSON CONFIRMS "SUN"

On Arrival in Chicago He Tells
Newspapers of Third Big
League Plans.

The invasion of Brooklyn by the Federal
League with a new club at Washington
Park, Fourth avenue and Third street,
probably means a fight to a finish in
that borough. It was learned yesterday
that C. H. Ebbets and the McKee brothers,
who own the Brooklyn National League
club, are planning to shift their Newark
International League club to Ebbets Field
for the purpose of arranging conflicting
dates with the Federals.

Ebbets, it is said, took the matter up
with Gov. Tener and August Hermann,
both members of the National Commission,
yesterday. According to the story
told at the Waldorf-Astoria, Ebbets
seemed to think that with the champion
Newark transferred into another Brook-
lyn team, playing at Ebbets Field the
same days the Federals are scheduled at
Washington Park, there will be a division
of patronage that will involve the Federals
backed by the Wards, in heavy financial
losses.

In discussing the plan with the mem-
bers of the commission it is reported that
Ebbets showed how the Brooklyn Federals
would have a minor league team in point
of playing quality, and that the
comparatively strong Newark team would
prove a greater attraction. It was said
that Ebbets and his partners were ready
to turn over their Newark franchise to the
owners of the Jersey City International
League club, so that the Skeeters,
considerably strengthened, could play in
Newark, while the lease on West Side
Park in Jersey City could be retained to
keep out opposition or it could be
turned over to a club in the Eastern
League for a term of years.

Johnson, who yesterday came an in-
terview with Ban Johnson, who arrived
in Chicago yesterday, to the effect that
organized baseball was seriously con-
sidering a plan to form a new major
league, Johnson said that the plan
which was published in last Mon-
day's SUN, had been suggested by Presi-
dent William F. Baker of the Philadel-
phia Nationals. Baker outlined the pro-
posed circuit to include Brooklyn, Balti-
more and Washington in the East
and Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati and
Pittsburgh in the West, the new clubs to
be organized on a franchise basis in
these cities and the franchises to be sold
for \$25,000 each to any reputable persons
that might care to invest the money.

Johnson said yesterday that the plan
might not be carried out in the near
future, because of